

WARNING SIGNS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

AGE	PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS
<p>Infancy and Early Childhood (Up to 3)</p>	<p>Crying, fussiness Underweight Fear of strangers Withdrawn Abnormal levels of activity Very quiet or very noisy Very lethargic or very active Sexually transmitted disease Physical trauma Clinging/whining to non-abusive parent</p>
<p>Preschool</p>	<p>Distracted with a short attention span (less than usual for a preschooler) Anxious about discussing the incident(s) Confused with inconsistencies when discussing the incident(s) Baby talk, thumb sucking, clinging, fretful Strong manifestation of fears (fears all men, fears all strangers, fears strange places, fears going home) Exhibits aggressive behavior Sexually transmitted disease Physical trauma Frightened parents Clinging/whining to a particular parent (non-abusive parent)</p>
<p>Elementary School (6 to 9)</p>	<p>Complaints of headaches, stomachaches Reluctant to discuss or even admit to the incident(s) Temper tantrums Will not obey rules or observe limits Extremely docile Poor school performance School phobia Sexually acting out with peers, far beyond average knowledge for elementary school Knowledge of sexual behaviors Sexually transmitted disease Physical trauma Running away Wary of adult contacts Frightened of parents</p>

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AGE	PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL INDICATORS
Pre Adolescent (9 to 13)	Socially withdrawn; no friends, no school activities; to the point of a complete avoidance of peers Promiscuous sexual behavior School truancy Sexually victimizes younger children Physical trauma Running away Pregnancy Wary of adult contracts Frightened of parents
Adolescent	Self-destructive behaviors; drugs, alcohol, attempting suicide, delinquency Violent behavior Sexually assaults younger or weaker individuals Physical trauma Running away Prostitution, promiscuity Truancy Pregnancy Wary of adult contacts Frightened of parents



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